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SUBJECT: MILITARY IMPLICATIONS AND LESSONS FOR NATO ARISING FROM  
MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT

1. AT PERMREPS LUNCH OCTOBER 23, SYG LUNS RAISED SUBJECT  
OF THE MILITARY IMPLICATIONS FOR NATO OF THE CONFLICT IN  
THE MIDDLE EAST. NOTING THAT, FOR ONE THING, BOTH THE ARABS  
AND ISRAELIS HAD USED MODERN AND SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS, LUNS  
AND OTHERS UNDERSTANDABLY ASKED WHAT LESSONS FOR A WAR IN THE  
NATO AREA COULD BE LEARNED FROM THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT.

2. IN RESPONSE I SUGGESTED THAT NATO HAD AN ORDERLY WAY TO  
ADDRESS SUCH QUESTIONS, THROUGH THE OPC, THE MC AND SACEUR.  
I ADDED THAT IF THESE QUESTIONS WERE LIKELY TO COME UP AT  
THE DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING IT MIGHT BE BEST TO FIRST CHECK  
WITH DEFENSE MINISTERS, AND ALERT THEM, AND THEN SEE  
THAT SACEUR OR THE MC ARE PREPARED TO  
CONTRIBUTE TO A DISCUSSION.

3. LUNS SAID HE WOULD CONSIDER THE BEST WAY TO ENSURE  
A USEFUL NATO DISCUSSION AND EVALUATION.

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4. GUIDANCE WOULD BE WELCOME.  
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